

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name the bridge on State Road 29 south of Michigantown, Indiana, the James F. Record Bridge.

HERSHMAN, BOOTS

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name the bridge on State Road 29 south of Michigantown, Indiana, the James F. Record Bridge.

Whereas, On September 6th, 1938, Lieutenant General James F. Record was born in Michigantown, Indiana, the son of farmers Edwin and Enid Record;

Whereas, While attending college at Purdue University, Record became a leader of the Air Force ROTC drill team, which won numerous national honors, including a national championship. The ROTC's accomplishments resulted in Record becoming a member of the Purdue Air Force ROTC Hall of Fame. In addition to his participation in ROTC, Record took flying lessons and earned his pilot's license;

Whereas, In 1961, Record graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in animal science. Following graduation, Record enlisted in the Air Force, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant;

Whereas, Record had a remarkably distinguished military career, spanning 36 years. He flew two separate



tours of duty in Vietnam, one as a forward air controller and one as a F-100 fighter pilot, totaling 616 combat missions and 1,100 combat hours;

Whereas, Record piloted 11 different aircraft during his military career, logging over 6,000 hours. He commanded three fighter wings and an air division. He served as the first deputy commander of Joint Task Force - Southwest Asia;

Whereas, In June of 1995, Record's military career culminated at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona, where he became commander of the 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces. He commanded eight active-duty wings, more than 450 aircraft, 35,000 active-duty and civilian personnel, and 21,000 Reserve and National Guard forces, with more than 360 aircraft. He was promoted to Lieutenant General on October 31st, 1995;

Whereas, During his military service, Record was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with six service stars, the Bronze Star, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, 27 Air Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal;

Whereas, After retiring from the Air Force in 1997, Record continued to work, taking a two year assignment as a Senior Executive for Hughes/Raytheon in Saudi Arabia. Upon completion of this assignment, Record took an executive position with Raytheon Missile Systems in their business department division, where he worked until his retirement in 2007;



Whereas, Record died peacefully on December 22nd, 2009. He is survived by his mother, Enid; his wife, Peggy; sons, James, John and Joe; as well as his brother, Ray, and his sisters, Arlene Harshbarger and Barbara Woodhull;

Whereas, A memorial service was held at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base on January 5th and a celebration of his life in Michigantown on January 10th. Record will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on March 12th;

Whereas, Longtime friend Bill Pitts, a retired Air Force Colonel, said about Record, "I spent 26 years in the military, and he was the best commander I ever had, and he is the most amazing gentleman and friend you could ever wish for. When you were around him, he made you feel like you were the special one. He just had that personality. Nothing was about him; everything was about you"; and

Whereas, In recognition of Record's service to the United States of America, the members of the Indiana Senate urge the Indiana Department of Transportation to name the bridge on State Road 29 south of Michigantown, Indiana, the James F. Record Bridge: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate urges the Indiana Department of
2 Transportation to name the bridge on State Road 29 south of
3 Michigantown, Indiana, the James F. Record Bridge in honor of James
4 F. Record's life and service to the United States of America.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
6 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the family of James F. Record and
7 the Indiana Department of Transportation.

